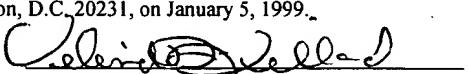


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed herein and on the attached PTO-1449 form. Copies of the documents 1-3, 5, 10-13, 15-16, 20-23, 29, 31-32, 34, 36-45, 47-48, 50-52, 55, 57-59, 61 are submitted herewith. Copies of documents 4, 6-9, 14, 17-19, 24-28, 30, 33, 35, 46, 49, 53-54, 56, 60 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and/or Office Actions, directed to the related application Serial Number 08/662,781, filed June 6, 1996. Such copies are not included in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. 609(A)(2).

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this statement to **Deposit Account Number 03-1952.**

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